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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: CONVERSATION WITH TIMERBAEV,
JULY 4 TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NBR. FORTY-EIGHT

1. THIS REPORT ON CONVERSATION BETWEEN TIMERBAEV AND BUCHHEIM AT SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION, JULY 4.
2. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET SIDE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO START WORKING ON DRAFT LANGUAGE; MOST ISSUES ARE NOW IN FAIRLY ADVANCED STATE. BUCHHEIM SAID US SIDE ALSO WANTS TO MOVE AHEAD; SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL NEED TO BE CLARIFIED.
3. TIMERBAEV SAID PRESENT SOVIET DRAFT TEXT IS A TREATY USING SIMPLE LANGUAGE, FOUR TO SIX PAGES LONG (DOUBLE-SPACED), PLUS "LONGER" PROTOCOL. HE STRESSED NEED TO MAKE TREATY "UNDERSTANDABLE"; PROTOCOL CAN BE AS COMPLICATED AS NEED BE, ALTHOUGH HE WENT ON TO SPECULATE ABOUT INFORMAL UNDERSTANDINGS AS POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES FOR LANGUAGE IN A FORMAL PROTOCOL. BUCHHEIM SAID HE THOUGHT ALL NECESSARY POINTS COULD BE COVERED IN AN UNDERSTANDABLE FORMAL AGREEMENT IF THE TWO SIDES WORKED AT IT.
4. TIMERBAEV SAID ANY KIND OF PROTOCOL ASSOCIATED WITH A SIMPLE TREATY WOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR SOVIET SIDE BECAUSE THEY WOULD PROBABLY NOT PUBLISH THE PROTOCOL ANYWAY.
5. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET DELEGATION HAS AUTHORITY TO

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PRESENT THEIR DRAFT WITHOUT SHOWING IT TO THEIR AUTHOR-

ITIES AND THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO SHOW IT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES NOW. BUCHHEIM SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND. TIMERBAEV REPEATED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION DOES NOT WANT TO SHOW THEIR DRAFT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES AND HAD SUFFICIENT LATITUDE IN THEIR GUIDANCE TO PROCEED ON DRAFTING WITHOUT DOING SO.

6. TIMERBAEV ASKED HOW THE US SIDE PREFERRED TO BRING DRAFT TEXTS INTO THE OPEN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO SIDES COULD AGREE TO PRESENT EACH OTHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DRAFTS ON A CERTAIN DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE; OR THAT EACH SIDE COULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ITSELF FREE TO PROPOSE DRAFT LANGUAGE AT ANY TIME; OR THAT THE SIDES COULD AGREE ON THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH IN EACH NUMBERED ARTICLE AND THEN SIT DOWN TOGETHER TO WORK OUT LANGUAGE FOR EACH ARTICLE. BUCHHEIM SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS SUCH ALTERNATIVES WITH AMBASSADOR STOESEL.

7. TIMERBAEV NOTED THAT US SIDE PLANNED TO REVIEW STATUS IN NEXT PLENARY AND ASKED IF WE MIGHT RAISE ANY MAJOR SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION IN FUTURE MEETINGS. BUCHHEIM SAID YES, AND GAVE SUBJECT OF OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AS ONE EXAMPLE. TIMERBAEV SAID THAT THIS IS A DIFFICULT SUBJECT FOR SOVIET SIDE, BUT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT IT MUST BE DEALT WITH IF WE ARE TO REACH AGREEMENT. HE THEN REMARKED THAT HE PERSONALLY, AS "AN ARMS CONTROL MAN," LOOKED FORWARD TO AN AGREEMENT INCLUDING OBSERVER RIGHTS AS A "HEALTHY EXAMPLE AND PRECEDENT." BUCHHEIM SAID THAT WAS A WELCOME THOUGHT.

8. BUCHHEIM SAID THAT SUBJECT OF OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS WILL ALSO BRING INTO NEGOTIATIONS NEED TO WORK OUT UNDERSTANDINGS ON MATTERS OF A LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARACTER THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT YET ADDRESSED TOGETHER. TIMERBAEV ASKED IF THAT MEANT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOPIC OF LIABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVER PERSONNEL. BUCHHEIM SAID YES, AND ADDED VISAS AND TRANSPORTATION, AS OTHER EXAMPLES. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET LAWYERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ON SUBJECT OF LIABILITIES AND HAVE PRODUCED A FILE "THAT THICK" (INDICATING ABOUT TWO INCHES WITH HIS FINGERS),

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WHICH HE HAD NOT YET READ.

9. TIMERBAEV SAID HIS LAWYERS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS AND KEEP AMENDING THEIR DRAFT TEXT ACCORDINGLY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES COULD START MAKING SUCH AMENDMENTS TOGETHER.

10. TIMERBAEV AGAIN MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF CITING A

FISSION YIELD LIMIT IN A PNE AGREEMENT, BUT CONVERSATION
WAS INTERRUPTED AT THAT POINT.

11. BIO NOTE: MYAKINKOV TOLD BUCHHEIM THAT HE HAD BEEN
INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT AS A STUDENT, AND INCURRED A
HEAVY RADIATION DOSE. AS A RESULT HE UNDERWENT "LONG
HOSPITAL TREATMENT, INCLUDING BLOOD CHANGING." HE ALSO
SAID HE HAS A HEART AILMENT.
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